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Lynnette Young, Chief Operating Officer City of Atlanta 55 Trinity Avenue, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ms. Young:

I want to ensure that projects and services that are currently administered by the Department of Planning and Community Development are not jeopardized following the announcement of the resignation of Commissioner Charles Graves. This sudden staffing change along with the changes that have recently occurred in Zoning with the exit of John Bell is of great concern.

Recently a Zoning Review Board meeting was rescheduled for lack of a quorum; this is a serious concern with all of the cases that are heard before this board and the time constraints associated with successfully moving projects forward.

It would be beneficial to me as Chairperson of the Zoning Committee and other Councilmembers if you will provide answers to the following questions relative to the future of the department.

- 1. Will an interim Commissioner be named to fill the position vacated by Commissioner Charles Graves?
- 2. Will the newly appointed Commissioner be familiar with the City of Atlanta and the intricate details involved with the responsibilities under the various departments?
- 3. How will current projects, commitments from Commissioner Graves, and staffing for BZA and ZRB be impacted?
- 4. What is the timeline of the permanent staffing of vacated positions?
- 5. Will Charletta Jacks be responsible for both Zoning and Subdivisions?

I will be happy to meet with you to discuss these concerns at a time that is convenient to you in an effort to ensure that any projects and services within this department are not adversely impacted by the recent personnel changes.

Sincerely

Ivory Lee Young, Jr.

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